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LOK SABHA

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RO RO FERRY SERVICE PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal regarding Ro-Ro ferry service project in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the route of the said ferry service;

(c) the quantum of amount or percentage sharing of cost of project demanded by the State Government and the amount sanctioned by the Union Government; and

(d) the extent to which this ferry service is likely to benefit people?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB) made a proposal to Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs under viability gap funding scheme for Ro-Ro ferry service on Ghogha-Suvali (Surat) route.

(c): The proposal from Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board was received prior to circulation of detailed guidelines dated 23.1.2006 issued by Department of Economic Affairs. The Project Authority has been advised to submit the proposal in the prescribed format. The same is awaited.

(d): The likely benefits of the proposed project are −
(i) The travel time to be reduced by 3-4 hours

(ii) The transporters will gain by saving almost 30-40% of the present vehicle operating cost
(iii) Passengers will get AC coaches and other luxury facilities at normal bus/train rates.